

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 10, 2006. Claims 1 to 4, 7 to 14 and 17 remain pending in the application, with Claims 5, 6, 15, 16 and 18 to 58 having been cancelled herein. Claims 1 and 11 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 18 to 58, the non-elected claims, were withdrawn from further consideration. Those claims have been cancelled herein.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 6 and 16 would be allowable if they are rewritten into independent form. Without conceding the correctness of the rejections as set forth below, the subject matter of Claims 6 and 16 has been incorporated into independent Claims 1 and 11.

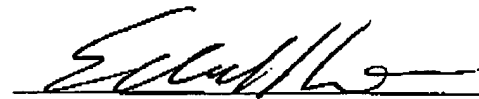
Claims 1, 5, 7 to 9, 11, 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,739,917 (Shu), and Claims 2 to 4 and 12 to 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Shu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,057,933 (Hudson). Again, without conceding the correctness of the rejections, the subject matter of Claims 5 and 6 has been incorporated into Claim 1, and the subject matter of Claim 15 and 16 has been incorporated into Claim 11. As to the latter, Applicants note that Claim 16 was originally claimed as being dependent from Claim 11. However, that claim should have been dependent from Claim 15 so as to provide antecedence for some of the subject matter included in Claim 16.

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1 and 11, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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